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SUBJ: BROTHER OF SYRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER TO VISIT ROK

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF NOVEMBER 12 ON ANOTHER SUBJECT MOFA IO AND TREATIES BUREAU CHUNG U-YONG SAID THAT YOUNGER BROTHER OF SYRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER MUSTAFA TALAS WOULD BE VISITING ROK WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15. CHUNG SAID HE WOULD BE SEEING VISITOR WHILE HE WAS HERE AND THAT VISIT WAS FACET OF EXPANDED ROK EFFORT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF LULL CREATED BY REMOVAL OF KOREAN ITEM FROM UNGA AGENDA AND BUILD SOLID NETWORK OF RELATIONSHIPS WITH HOST OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY IN MIDEAST AND AFRICA. THE OBJECT OF THIS EFFORT IS TO KEEP THE KOREAN ITEM OFF THE UNGA AGENDA. HE SAID SUSPENSION OF UN DEBATE HAD FREED FUNDS WHICH WOULD ORDINARILY HAVE BEEN CONSUMED BY LOBBYING AND WHICH WERE NOW BEING APPLIED TO AID PROJECTS IN SELECTED COUNTRIES LIKE THE SUDAN AND MAURITANIA.

2. CHUNG SAID A MAURITANIAN FISHERIES DELEGATION AHD RECENTLY COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO THE ROK HOSTED
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BY THEIR ROK COUNTERPARTS. HE ADDED THAT MOFA ASSISTANT

MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS CHOE HO CHUNG WAS PLANNING A
TRIP TO SANA IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER TO FURTHER
PROMOTE A DIALOGUE ON IMPROVING ROK-YAR RELATIONS.
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